

Senior Affairs Advisory Board

Minutes

Wednesday, April 7, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Floyd Willis

Members present: , Paulina Gilbert, William Liu, Rosemary White-Pope, Floyd Willis **Not present:** Millie Acasio, Dolli Cutler, Sam Duran, John Patrick Ford, Joe Horiye, Leane Marchese, **Staff:** Rudy Fernandez, Diana Gray, Pam Suarez, **Guest:** Judith Sorrells

The SAAB Board shared their fond memories in recognition of B.J. Curry Spitler's passing.

Introductions: Introductions were made. Interviewers from the San Diego Urban Corps introduced themselves and updated the board on the current status of the Transportation Survey. It is anticipated that the survey would be completed by July 2004.

Modifications to the Agenda: Floyd Willis suggested that the Board invite the California Senior Legislative Council Representatives from San Diego to speak in the next two to three months.

The Board discussed the need to fill the three vacant seats on the SAAB Board. Rudy Fernandez will check on the designations of the three positions.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for March 3, 2004 and April 7, 2004 were tabled until the SAAB meeting of May 5, 2004.

Old Business:

- **Seniors Ride Free** – The Seniors Ride Free Ad Hoc Committee will meet to draft a proposal along with a timeline to accomplish goals and objectives. The proposal will ultimately be presented to MTS . Paulina Gilbert suggested that it would be a good idea to invite staff from SANDAG to attend one of SAAB's meetings to discuss this item and possibly answer questions. Lydia Callas, from SANDAG, has resources to share with seniors. Diana, Paulina and Floyd will meet as an Ad Hoc committee to set a timeline to meet the objectives for the Seniors Ride Free effort. An invitation was proffered to all interested members within SAAB to attend the ad hoc committee meeting.
- **Transportation Survey** – Bill Liu updated the Board on the progress of the survey. Of the 600 interview forms, 400 have been completed. Three Urban Corps interviewers for the survey were present and reported they are now making return trips to the households where the seniors were not home on their first visit. Floyd suggested adding the question "Would a hike in the gas process cause you to use

public transportation more often?” This question would be added to the remaining questionnaires only.

- **New Business:** No new business

Announcements/Closing Remarks:

The April edition of “The Scroll” was distributed.

Floyd Willis will chair the May 5th meeting.

Next meeting: **May 5, 2004** at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the **City Administration Building** located at 202 C Street, **12th Floor Closed Session Room**, San Diego, CA 92101.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.